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SUBJECT: BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETINGS

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY CHARGE VASEV, ON MARCH 27, GAVE
AMBASSADOR SHULMAN FOLLOWING NON-PAPER ON BUSINESS
FACILITATION MEETINGS IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 22 SHULMAN-
DOBRYNIN CONVERSATION. BEGIN TEXT:

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US EMBASSY, OF OTHER US INSTITUTIONS
IN MOSCOW AS WELL AS US BUSINESSMEN ARE RECEIVED AT THE
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTIES AND, AS A
RULE, ON THE LEVEL THEY ARE INTERESTED IN.

WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE MEETINGS ON THE QUESTIONS
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OF FACILITATING COMMERCE ACTIVITIES.

WE HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE
PERIODIC-TY OF THE MEETINGS SHOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE
ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED, AND THE LEVEL OF THE MEETING - ON
THE NATURE OF THE ISSUES.

SINCE THE US SIDE INSISTS ON THE PERIODICAL CHARACTER OF

THE MEETINGS AND ON THE LEVEL OF A DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER WE ARE PREPARED TO DO IT, I.E. TO HAVE, IF
NECESSARY, 3 OR 4 MEETINGS OR MORE ANNUALLY IN EACH OF OUR
CAPITALS AT THE LEVEL OF A DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER
(IN MOSCOW) AND AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE (IN
WASHINGTON). END TEXT.

2. COMMERCE, TREASURY AND DEPARTMENT WILL JOINTLY EXAMINE
SOVIET PAPER, PARTICULARLY POSITION ON LEVEL OF REPRESENT-
ATION, IN NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS.
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